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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 9539-000054 CPA

First Inventor Bryan P. Prucher

Title INPUT PINION AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN INPUT PINION

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Prior application information: Examiner William C. Joyce Group / Art Unit: 3682

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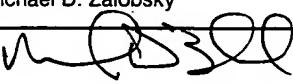
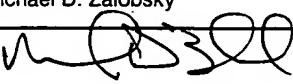
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TRANSMITTAL FORM		Application Number 09/930/611
<i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>		Filing Date August 15, 2001
		First Named Inventor Bryan P. Prucher
		Group Art Unit 3682
		Examiner Name William C. Joyce
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
1001	2001	770	385
1002	2002	340	170
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SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 0)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	-20 **	=	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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1053	1053	130 130	Non-English specification
1812	1812	2,520 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination
1804	1804	920* 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
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1255	2255	2,010 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month
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1403	2403	290 145	Request for oral hearing
1451	1451	1,510 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	2452	110 55	Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	2453	1,330 665	Petition to revive – unintentional
1501	2501	1,330 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
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1503	2503	640 320	Plant issue fee
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In re Application of Bryan P. Prucher	
Application Number 09/930/611 Filed August 15, 2001	
For INPUT PINION SHAFT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN INPUT PINION SHAFT	
Art Unit 3682	Examiner William C. Joyce

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